

PRESIDENT: The Dierks motion is adopted and LB 104 will be handled by the Health and Human Services Committee. Do you have messages on your desk, Mr. Clerk, again? Do you have new bills, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Mr. President, new bills. (Read LBs 404-426 for the first time by title. See pages 222-27 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator Hartnett, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR HARTNETT: I would like to recognize one of our members, if I could just have a moment, that I think that last night I think at a state meeting one of our colleagues in the Legislature was, from among his peers, was recognized as the outstanding veterinarian for the State of Nebraska, and I would like to honor and have "Cap" Dierks stand and be recognized by his colleagues.

PRESIDENT: Thank you and, Senator Dierks, would you like to say something since this is your day.

SENATOR DIERKS: Mr. President and colleagues, I was very honored by that award. It is neat to get that from your peers, you know, and, like I said, I was speechless and again I am today. I really don't know what to say. I thank you very much.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, and we are proud of you, and congratulations to you, Senator Dierks, and, Senator Hartnett, thank you for bringing this to our attention. We appreciate it. Senator Lowell Johnson has some guests, Edwin and Vera Prauner of Fremont, Nebraska. I believe they are under the north balcony. Edwin is a former member of the Silver-Haired Unicameral. Will you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you for visiting us today. You will see a former member of this Legislature, Senator Tom Fitzgerald. Will you raise your hand so we can see you. Thank you for visiting us. Jim and Matt Weyer from Barneston, Nebraska, the guests of Senator Baack. Would you please stand and be recognized. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT PRESIDING

SPEAKER BARRETT: The Chair is pleased to introduce a gentleman who is no stranger to these chambers, under the north balcony, a gentleman from District #2, Roger Wehrbein's District, Senator Cal Carsten. Continue with bill introductions, Mr. Clerk.